

ANNEX 2: Opening Remarks by Korea National Defense University President, LTG. Park, Sam Duck

Greetings.

My name is Sam-duck Park, Army Lieutenant General and the President of Korean National Defense University.

First, it is my great pleasure to host the 18th ARF HDUCIM here at Seoul, Republic of Korea.

I welcome again everyone in this meeting and I am glad to meet you again after a previous meeting in 2013.

Here at ARF HDUCIM, we have contributed to the security in the Asia Pacific region and world peace by via utilizing this meeting to facilitate academic exchange and reinforce mutual cooperation among member nations.

The theme of the 18th ARF HDUCIM is ""Military Cooperation and the Role of National Defense Universities for Enhancing Peace and Trust in the Asia-Pacific Region"

Currently the Asia-Pacific regions security is facing numerous challenges. Conflicts of Sovereign Rights in territory and history, terrorism, tradiation and non-traditional security are just to mention few.

Despite these challenges we are cooperating with one another in order to seek stability in the region via

diplomatic, economic, social, and cultural exchange efforts.

Reflecting these changes, this HDUCIM is focused on linking military cooperation for enhancing peace and trust in the Asia-Pacific region among member nations with defense education.

As the Asia-Pacific region is rising as a crucial pivot, I hope that the 18th ARF HDUCIM will become a foundation for contributing to not only the exchange and cooperation among members for the region, but also for the world peace.

On an ending note, I would like to thank The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the National Defence College of Myanmar for preparing this meeting together as a co-chair.

I wish the best for the 18th ARF HDUCIM and for much success.

Thank you.